(c) whether Government propose to increase the time of these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) All India Radio Stations and Doordarshan Kendras broadcast|telecast programmes on the occasion of birth and death anniversaries of National Leaders. However, the details of total time spent on such programmes is not kept centrally in a compiled form.

(c) As the broadcast|telecast of such programmes depend upon the extent of public observance of such anniversaries in the programme zones of different AIR Stations| Doordarshan Kendras, no specific time is apportioned for these programmes.

Vacant posts in the Ministry of Agriculture

3295. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Agriculture from 1984-85 till January, 1988;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up of these posts so far;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) the details of remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Construction of Type II quarters for Central Government Employees

3296. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of Government accommodation for Central Government employees in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the number of houses constructed during the period between 1st January, 1984 and 31st December, 1987 year-wise;

(c) what is the number of houses proposed to be constructed for Central Government Employees during 1988-89 year-wise and type-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that employees entitled for Type-II category are lagging behind and are the main sufferers; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons due to which Government do not get type II category of flats constructed much more than the flats to be constructed for other categories to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, it is not a fact.

(e) Does not arise.

हरिजन महिलाओं की दुर्दशा

3297. **श्री शांति त्यागी**: क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अभी भी देश के अनेक भागों में हरिजन महिलाओं को कूड़ा करकट और मैल अपने सिरों पर ढोना पड़ता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कुप्रथा को समाप्त करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्रीमती सुमति ओरांव): (क) और (ख) हाथ से मैला उठाने के उन्मूलन की सरकारी नीति विख्यात है। इस प्रथा की कमी में प्रगति तो हुई है, किन्तु सरकार इसे पूरे तौर से समाप्त करना चाहती है। इस उद्देश्य को ध्यान में रख कर, प्रधान मंत्री ने इस प्रथा के उन्मूलन के प्रभावी उपायों के लिए 10-2-87 को सभी मुख्य मंत्रियों/उप-राज्यपालों तथा केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों को भी लिखा था।